

# **Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board**

Meeting of May 30, 2018  
North Campus, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Public Meeting Room  
1106 Clayton Lane, Austin, Texas

## **Summary of Minutes**

Presiding Officer Ben Norris called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item B., Roll Call, Certification of Quorum, and Introductions. Board Members Ben Norris, Jesus Rangel, Jackie Cooper, Richard Davila, Gary Haun, and Amy Trost were present. Board members TJ McDow, Detra Stewart and James Fowler were absent. A quorum was present.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item C., Approval of the Minutes – March 21, 2018. Board member Amy Trost, seconded by Richard Davila, made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item D., Public Comment. There were no public comments.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item E., Staff Reports – Leonard Rivas, Licensing Supervisor, provided the Licensing Division staff report. Tuan Nguyen, Customer Service Representative, provided the Customer Service Department staff report. Karen Cox, Prosecutor, provided the Enforcement Division staff report. Rebecca Armas, Program Specialist, provided the Education and Examination Division staff report. Katie Brice, Program Specialist, provided the Regulatory Program Management Division staff report. Nick Voinis, Chief of Staff, provided the Executive Office staff report. Wendy Pellow, Assistant General Counsel, provided a report on rulemaking petition regarding 16 Texas Administrative Code §112.95, Information on Prospective Amplification Candidates.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item F., Discussion and possible recommendations regarding proposed amendments to existing rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 112, Subchapter F, §§112.50, 112.52, and 112.53, related to the Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers program. The proposed rules implement H.B. 4007, 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session (2017) and make other clean-up changes regarding the temporary training permits. This agenda item includes the recommendations from the Licensing Workgroup under agenda item G.1. Wendy Pellow, Assistant General Counsel, provided an overview of proposed rules. Board member Richard Davila, seconded by Jesus Rangel, made a motion to approve the proposed rules in §§112.50, 112.52 and 112.53 as presented. Motion passed.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item G., Update from workgroups and possible recommendations:

1. Licensing Workgroup – Review and study of Texas Occupations Code §402.251(b) and 16 TAC §§112.50, 112.52, and 112.53, regarding issuing subsequent temporary training permits when the first one expires. Board member Richard Davila provided an update on the recent Licensing Workgroup meeting and the Workgroup's recommendation regarding the proposed rules under agenda item F.

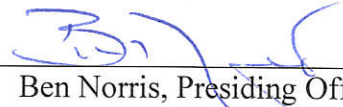
2. Standard of Care Workgroup – Review and study of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards and rules under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 112 regarding audiometric testing and audiometric test rooms. Board member Gary Haun provided an update on the recent Standard of Care Workgroup meeting.

3. Education and Examination Workgroup – Review and study of examination proctor requirements under 16 TAC §112.25, Examination Proctors. Board member Jackie Cooper provided an update on the recent Education and Examination Workgroup meeting and the Workgroup's recommended rules changes.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item H., Recommendations for Agenda Items for Next Meeting. There were no future agenda items recommended at this time.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item I., Discussion of Date, Time, and location of next Board meeting. The next Board meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Presiding Officer Ben Norris moved to agenda item K., Adjournment. Presiding Officer Ben Norris adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

  
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Ben Norris, Presiding Officer  
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